

HOUSE BILL 543

By Harrison

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 16, Part 2, relative to contraband in penal  
institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-201(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(4) Knowingly use or possess any telecommunication device while present in any penal institution where prisoners are quartered or under custodial supervision without the express written consent of the chief administrator of the institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-201(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and by substituting instead the following:

(c) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class C felony, except that a violation of subdivision (b)(3) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.